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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AA through AC on Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification. Reference AO on Form PTO-1449:

The invention deals with a device for the assembly of two elements with a spacer, intended in particular for the suspension of an evaporator of cooling agent in a refrigerating āpparatus.

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